BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE IN THE MATTER OF THE PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE

OF

ARTURO ENRIQUE BLANCO, M.D.

ORDER REMOVING RESTRICTIONS ON LICENSE

THIS MATTER came on regularly for hearing on March 21, 2019, before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, in response to the petition of Arturo Enrique Blanco, M.D. (hereinafter "Licensee"), seeking removal of all restriction on his license to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi.

Licensee was present, represented by her counsel, Jonathan Werne. Complaint Counsel for the Board was Honorable Stan T. Ingram. Sitting as legal advisor to the Board was Honorable Gloria Green, Assistant Attorney General. Board members present for all proceedings were Claude D. Brunson, M.D., President, Charles D. Miles, M.D., Charles K. Lippincott, M.D., William D. McClendon, Jr., M.D., Jeanne Ann Rea, M.D., Allen Gersh, M.D. and Kirk L. Kinard, D.O. Consumer members present were Maj. General (Ret.) Erik Hearon, Wes Breeland and Koonmarie "Shoba" Gaymes.

Evidence and testimony was then taken. Based on the evidence and testimony received, the Board determines that on April 18, 2018, Licensee entered into a Consent Order with the Board based on a determination that he prescribed controlled substances outside the course of legitimate professional practice. The Board placed certain restrictions on Licensee's certificate to practice medicine, including but not limited to, successful completion of CME, prohibition against prescribing Schedule II and IIN Controlled

Substances and a prohibition against collaborating with mid-level providers. During the hearing, it was determined that Licensee has complied with all requirements imposed by the aforementioned Consent Order.

Based upon the evidence and testimony, the Board finds Licensee's petition to be well taken.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that Licensee's petition for removal of all restrictions on his Medical License (No. 19620) is here by granted. Effective April 18, 2019, Licensee shall hold an unrestricted medical license.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §73-25-27(1972), a copy of this Order shall be sent by registered mail or personally served on Arturo Enrique Blanco, M.D.

ORDERED, this the 21st day of March 2019.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

BY: '

CLAUDE D. BRUNSON, M.D. PRESIDENT